Quota of Liquor to Officers of Defence Services

2472. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monthly quota for liquor to the officers of the three defence services has been raised;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the normal safe liquor consumption limit prescribed;

(c) whether the monthly quota being proposed to be given is not exceeding the prescribed limit; and

(d) if so, what method is being adopted to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached *{See* below).

(d) Does not arise in view of reply at (b) and (c) above.

Statement

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(1) Entitlement for Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) and Chief of Air Staff (CAS) on active/retired list/Field Marshals/Admiral of the Fleet/Marshall of the Air Force and Army Commanders on active list and their equivalents in other services, which was without any limit has been retained. To this list Army Commanders on retired list and their equivalents in other two services have been added. Earlier Army Commanders on retired list and their equivalents were entitled 18 units per month.

(2) All officers up to the rank of Lt. General and equivalent including nursing officers, Director General Border Road (DGBR), Honorary Commissioned Officers on active/retired list whose entitlement was in the range of 10-16 units per month have now been authorized 16 units per month uniformly.

(3) Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs), Warrant Officers (Army Postal Service) Class-I and Class-II of Army, Master Warrant Officer,

Warrant Officer and Junior Warrant Officer (JWO) of Air Force, Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) and Chief Petty Officer (CPO) of Navy on active/retired list whose entitlement was in the range of 5-8 units per month have now been authorized 10 units per month uniformly.

(4) Non Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and Other Ranks (Lance Naik/Sepoy) of the Army, Sergeant, Corporal, Leading Air Craftsman (LAC) and Air Craftsman (AC) of Air Force, Petty Officer, Leading Seaman, Able Seaman, Ordinary Seaman of Navy on active/retired list whose entitlement was in the range of 2-5 units per month have now been authorized 6 units per month uniformly.

(5) Further, widows of service officers including Hony Commissioned Officers/Parent of unmarried deceased officers who were not entitled for any quota have now been authorized 6 units per month.

(6) The maximum monthly quota has been raised with a view to bring about some uniformity among different categories of Defence personnel. This quota is not only for the use of the individual" Officers, but also for official and social interactions/functions.

Warning signals of coast guard to fishermen

2473. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement for giving warning signals to fishermen who went into Pakistani waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of fishermen arrested by Pakistan due to failure on the part of Coast Guard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to ensure that the warning system is streamlined?